

Amendment No. 1 to SB1372

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1372*

House Bill No. 1434

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-38-103(b), is amended by deleting from the first sentence the language "Upon the request of a victim of violent crime involving serious bodily injury or death of a relative," and substituting instead the language "Upon the request of any crime victim,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-38-117, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) A victim of a crime has the right to refuse a request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant for an interview or other communication with the victim and shall not be questioned at any hearing related to the criminal prosecution about the victim's refusal to do so.

(b) Prior to communication with the victim of a crime, the defendant's attorney, or any other person proceeding at the direction of an attorney acting on behalf of a defendant being prosecuted for a criminal offense involving the victim, shall present a printed form to the victim clearly stating that:

(1) The person is acting on behalf of a criminal defendant;

(2) The victim has the right to decline to communicate or be interviewed;

and

(3) The victim has the right to end the communication or interview at any time, except as required by court order or subpoena.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.